

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 13, 15-17, 20-22, 25, 27 and 29-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended claims can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings. No new matter is presented.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 6-8, 15-17, 20-22 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter; and Claims 11, 13, 25 and 27 are indicated as allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication that Claims 11, 13, 25 and 27 are allowable.

The undersigned also appreciatively acknowledges the courtesy extended by Examiner Choudhury in holding a personal interview with the undersigned on May 12, 2009. During the interview, proposed claim amendments were discussed to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101. As noted in the Interview Summary, Examiner Choudhury agreed that "if each of the independent claims were amended to incorporate a processor and/or memory that they should overcome the 101 rejections and be in condition for allowance." In response, each of independent Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20 are amended to incorporate "a processor", while Claims 29 and 30 maintain their respective recitations of a processor.

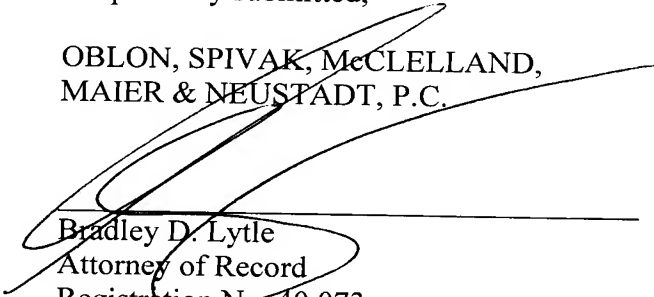
Accordingly, as each of Claims 1-3, 6-8, 15-17, 20-22 and 29-30 recite physical articles or objects (e.g., "a processor"), Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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